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TAGS: PFOR, AF, IR, PK

SUBJ: AFGHAN-PAK-IRAN RELATIONS

REF: ISLAMABAD 6620 AND 6295 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: GOP FONSEC CONTINUES APPREHENSIVE OVER  
IMPLICATIONS OF NEW GOVT IN AFGHANISTAN. WHATEVER  
ITS CONCERNS, AGREES THAT OUTWARD POSTURE OF GOP SHOULD BE  
ONE OF LIVING WITH NEW SITUATION AND EXPLORING POSSI-  
BILITY OF COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP IN ECONOMIC SPHERE.  
END SUMMARY

1. DURING MEETING AUGUST 8 AT HIS REQUEST, GOP FONSEC  
SHAHI TOLD CHARGE THAT GOP REMAINED OF OPINION THAT  
SOVS MUST HAVE KNOWN IN ADVANCE ABOUT DAUD'S COUP.  
FONSEC INDICATED UNCERTAINTY AS TO HOW ISSUE MIGHT  
DEVELOP BUT EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT NEW SITUATION IN  
AFGHANISTAN WOULD TEND TO COMPLICATE REGIONAL PROBLEMS.

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2. FONSEC MENTIONED REPORTS REACHING GOP THAT

ELEMENTS OF NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY (NAP) ARE JUBILANT OVER AFGHAN COUP. THEY ARE SAID TO BELIEVE IT ENHANCES THEIR BARGAINING ABILITY VIS-A-VIS GOP, AND SOME HAVE EVEN BEEN REPORTED AS FIGURATIVELY SMACKING THEIR LIPS IN ANTICIPATION OF TROUBLE BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN OVER PUKHTOONISTAN ISSUE. SOME NAP CIRCLES SAID TO HAVE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IT MORE ACCEPTABLE FOR PARTY TO DEAL WITH AFGHAN GOVT NOW THAT MONARCHY HAS BEEN REPLACED BY REPUBLIC.

3. FONSEC REFERRED TO RECENT CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN SISCO AND PAK AMB IN WASHINGTON ON AFGHAN SITUATION. GOP WAS GLAD THAT DAUD HAD EXPRESSED TO US HIS DETERMINATION TO DEAL PEACEFULLY WITH PUKHTOON ISSUE, BUT FONSEC OPINED THAT DAUD COULD NOT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED TO SAY LESS THAN THAT. FOLLOWING CONVERSATION WITH SISCO, SULTAN KHAN HAD ASKED WHAT INITIATIVES GOP MIGHT TAKE TO INDICATE TO KABUL A DESIRE FOR POSITIVE AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP. IN LATTER REGARD, FONSEC SAID SUGGESTION THAT PRES BHUTTO MIGHT PAY EARLY VISIT TO AFGHANISTAN HAD BEEN BRIEFLY CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING. CHARGE RECALLED PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN GOP AND GOA ON VARIOUS JOINT ECONOMIC INTERESTS INCLUDING TRADE AND POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING IRON ORE DEPOSITS IN AFGHANISTAN. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT PAKISTAN MIGHT POSSIBLY BE ABLE TO PURCHASE SOME WHEAT WHICH AFGHANISTAN HAD EXPECTED TO HAVE IN SURPLUS FOR FIRST TIME IN MANY YEARS. FONSEC AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL ACTIVELY TO PURSUE POSSIBILITIES OF ECONOMIC COLLABORATION WITH AFGHANS. HE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED VALIDITY OF CHARGE'S SUGGESTION OF DESIRABILITY AVOIDING INDICATION THAT PAKISTAN (AS WELL AS IRAN), DESPITE CONCERNS WHICH MAY EXIST, PLANNING OR CONTEMPLATING PROTECTIVE ACTION AGAINST AFGHANISTAN. WOULD SEEM TO BE ONLY TO ADOPT POSTURE THAT PAKISTAN IS PREPARED NOT ONLY TO LIVE WITH NEW REGIME IN KABUL BUT TO PURSUE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FRIENDLY COLLABORATION.

4. CHARGE NOTED THAT, IN RECENT CONVERSATION, NAP  
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LEADER WALI KHAN HAD REFERRED TO INVITATION EXTENDED TO HIM EARLY LAST YEAR TO VISIT IRAN. CHARGE SAID HE WONDERED WHETHER SUCH VISIT IN FAIRLY NEAR FUTURE MIGHT NOT OFFER POSSIBILITY OF SOME POSITIVE RESULTS. WAKI MIGHT RETURN WITH MORE POSITIVE UNDERSTANDING OF IRAN'S FRIENDLY CONCERNS REGARDING PAKISTAN, AND THE GOI FOR ITS PART WOULD HAVE CHANCE TO SIZE HIM UP. FONSEC RESPONDED THAT THE IDEA HAD INTERESTING POSSIBILITIES, ALTHOUGH

TIMING MIGHT NOT BE RIGHT JUST NOW. HE WOULD LIKE TO  
CONSIDER AND WOULD PERHAPS RAISE IT WITH BHUTTO. IF  
THEY SHOULD WANT TO PURSUE IT, THEY WOULD NATURALLY  
WANT TO DISCUSS IT WITH GOI.

5. COMMENT: WE HAVE CARRIED POSSIBILITY OF WALI VISIT  
TO IRAN AS FAR AS WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD HERE. NOW THAT  
MATTER HAS BEEN BROACHED WITH GOP, WE INCLINED BELIEVE  
IT SHOULD CARRY THE BALL IF IT SO DESIRES. WE VERY  
MUCH APPRECIATE EMBASSY TEHRAN'S PROMPT AND POSITIVE  
REACTION (TEHRAN 5589) ON POSSIBLE WALI VISIT; SOME  
DISCREET NUDGING BY IT MAY PROVE TO BE HELPFUL BUT  
THAT WOULD DEPEND ON WHETHER AND WHEN GOP INDICATES  
POSITIVE INTEREST.  
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